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(b) if so, on what conditions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The Legislators' Hostel is used primarily to accommodate Members and also to accommodate guests either of the Government or of the Legislators.

" (b) Non-Legislators will be allowed accommodation in the Hostels only when the Legislature is not in session. They will have to pay rent at Rs. 3 per head per day in the old Hostel and at Rs. 4 per head per day in the New Hostel. Guests of Legislators can be accommodated only with the consent of the other inmates of the room, and after giving intimation to the Warden. No furniture will be specially supplied to guests of the Legislators, nor can they stay in the Hostel after their hosts have vacated the rooms."

Dam for excluding salt water in Hosdrug sub-taluk, Kasaragod.

* 1128 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned (i) the construction of a dam for excluding salt water from entering cultivated fields at Padne village and (ii) Thimiri Reservoir Scheme in Thimiri village in Hosdrug sub-taluk of the South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of land to be benefited by each scheme and the cost estimated?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No. The proposals are under consideration.

" (b) Does not arise."

Punkah-pullers in the Highways department.

* 1129 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many punkah-pullers have been engaged in the State by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways department and what is the total cost incurred by Government on these punkah-pullers in the financial year 1951–52?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" One hundred and fifty-nine punkah pullers were engaged by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways Department during 1951–52 and the expenditure incurred by the Government on their employment was Rs. 40,297–11–0."

Shroffs in Taluk offices.

* 1130 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shroffs working in Taluk offices in the State;

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(*b*) in how many cadres they are classified; and

(*c*) what is the basis on which such classification is made?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) There are 312 shroffs (one II grade shroff and 311 III grade shroffs) working in the sub-treasuries in this State.

" (*b*) The shroffs in the treasuries and sub-treasuries are classified into three grades (grades I, II and III).

" (*c*) The classification of the shroffs is based upon their duties and responsibilities."

Fee-concessions to children of acting teachers under local bodies.

* 1131 *Q.*—SRI K. SUBBA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the fee-concessions granted to N.G.Os' children, etc., are being made applicable to the acting teachers in the Local Board Service; and, if not, whether the Government are going to issue any specific order to that effect?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Children of acting teachers in the service of local bodies will be eligible for fee concessions provided they are appointed regularly, and not under the emergency provisions. General orders have been issued to this effect."

Rural electrification in Kallakurichi taluk.

* 1132 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the taluk of Kallakurichi which is in the Firka Development Area, has not so far come under the Rural Electrification Programme; and

(*b*) when the said taluk is expected to get electricity for its towns and villages and for its agriculture?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Although the question of extending the supply of electricity to Kallakurichi taluk was under consideration as early as 1946, power supply was found unrenumerative and had to be deferred till additional loads were canvassed. A major scheme for the supply of electricity to Kallakurichi, Thyagadurgam and Chinnasalem villages in Kallakurichi taluk, South Arcot district, has since been sanctioned. But in view of the financial stringency, the work can be taken up for execution only if contributions from the local beneficiaries are forthcoming."